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Jury Finds Ohio Man Used a Computer to Entice a Minor, Then Traveled Across State Lines to Engage in Illicit Conduct

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, May 12, 2009, that after deliberating for 35 minutes, a jury found Calvin Lee Dye guilty of two counts of violating federal child exploitation laws.

Dye, age 36, of 3550 Plainsville Warren Road, Southington, Ohio, was tried before Senior United States District Judge Alan N. Bloch in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Craig W. Haller, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that Dye used a computer with an internet connection in an attempt to induce and entice a minor into engaging in illegal sexual conduct and then traveled interstate for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with the minor.

Judge Bloch scheduled sentencing for August 6, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. The law provides for a maximum total sentence of at least 10 years and up to life in prison, a fine of \$500,000.00, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court revoked Dye's bond because of the serious nature of the offenses.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, and the South Connellsville Police Department conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Dye.

This case is a product of Project Safe Childhood. Launched in February 2006, Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.